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AMEMBASSY MEXICO

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TAGS: CASC (MILLS, JANICE LYNN)

SUBJECT: MEDICAL EVACUATION OF JANICE LYNN MILLS

REF: STATE 012139; SAN JOSE 218 AND 208; HOWELL/BLANTON,
MCCULLOCH/BLANTON TELECONS OF JAN 17 AND 18

1. JANICE LYNN MILLS DEPARTED SAN JOSE ABOARD PRIVATELY CONTRACTED TWO ENGINE PIPER AZTEC PLANE ON JAN. 19, AT 0800 LOCAL TIME. BESIDES PILOT AND COPILOT, MILLS ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY NURSE FROM SAN JUAN DE DIOS HOSPITAL SINCE PLANE INCAPABLE ACCOMMODATING MORE PEOPLE. EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL AT KELLY AFB FOR TRANSFER BROOK ARMY HOSPITAL 1800 SAN JOSE TIME SAME DAY. REFUELLING STOPS SCHEDULED FOR GUATEMALA CITY AND VERA CRUZ OR TAMPICO, MEXICO. AMEMBASSY MEXICO WAS REQUESTED CONTACT VERA CRUZ AND TAMPICO TO HELP FACILITATE RAPID REFUELLING. AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA COULD NOT BE REACHED BY TELEPHONE BETWEEN 0815 AND 0915 JAN. 19.

2. INTERESTED ENGLISH LANGUAGE LOCAL WEEKLY NEWSPAPER SAN JOSE NEWS, TOGETHER WITH TWO AMCIT RESIDENTS INITIATED PLANS TO EVACUATE MILLS VIA LOCAL PRIVATE AIR TAXI COMPANY AFTER AN INITIAL FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION THEY HAD

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SOLICITED WAS RECEIVED FROM ROBERT VESCO. EMBASSY ENCOURAGED IDEA OF FUND-RAISING FROM VARIOUS SAN JOSE GROUPS GIVEN SUBJECT'S LACK OF FUNDS AND INABILITY OF FAMCHY TO SEND AID, (BUT WE NEVER SUGGESTED VESCO). PRIVATE AIR MEDEVAC TOOK FINAL SHAPE AFTER FINANCIAL ASSURANCES WERE GIVEN TO LOCAL AIR TAXI COMPANY FOLLOWING MCCULLOCH/BLANTON TELECON OF JAN 18 AT 1345.

3. SUBJECT'S CONDITION STABLE AT DEPARTURE SAN JOSE. LOCAL ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, DR. ERNESTO MARTEN SANCHO, (TEL 22-00-88), FELT SUBJECT COULD SAFELY TRAVEL ON JAN 19 SINCE HE BELIEVED COMPLICATIONS FROM SUBJECT'S EXTENSIVE BURNS WOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL ABOUT JAN. 20.

4. POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT INFORM EMBASSY AS SOON AS TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED THROUGH SUBJECT'S AUNT. IF FUND FAILS MATERIALIZE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT SEND AUTHORITY FOR REPATRIATION LOAN WITHOUT RECOURSE AS DISCUSSED IN MCCULLOCH/BLANTON TELCON OF JAN 18, 1345.

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